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I refer to docket #00N-1396. FDA PUBLISHES Proposed Regulations on GE Foods-No Mandatory Labeling or Safty-Testing

New FDA Policy Fails to Require or Labeling of Geneticlly Engineered Food

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The FDA policy falls short of protecting American consumers, in essence making them guinea pigs for the testing of genetically engineered food.

Unless rigorous, independent premarket safety testing can demonstrate that GE foods and crops are safe, we call for a national moratorium on these foods and crops.

We agree with the Organic Consumers Association and our national coalition, the Genetically Engineered Food Alert which condemn the FDA for failing to properly regulate this new and presently out-of-control technology.

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